

**REMARKS**

This application is amended in a manner to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

**Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-3 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 4-21 were pending in this application.

**Claim Rejections-35 USC §102**

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by SCUDDER et al. (US 5,461,867). This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowed claims 4-21.

**Conclusion**

In view of the amendment to the claims, this application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis is respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our credit card which is being paid online simultaneously herewith for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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